

SILVER SHELL HERO TELLS OF VICTORY

Captain John Fred Charlton Describes Battle With German U-Boat

JENKINTOWN HONORS HIM

How his gallant ship—the Silver Shell—sank the first German submarine to meet destruction at American hands was told today by Captain John Fred Charlton, master of the victorious vessel, safe at his home in Jenkintown.

Crippled by rheumatism, Captain Charlton was carried by his sailors to the deck, where he maneuvered the storm-tossed merchantman through the vicious ocean duel, in which the United States navy gun crew on board the Silver Shell registered the first American sinking of a Kaiser's U-boat—on Decoration Day.

Captain Charlton, whom all the Old York road committees will honor at his meeting at Jenkintown tonight, told his story simply. Passing by it as an "affair," he said earnestly:

"The United States is in this war to win."

Like a narrative from the days of John Paul Jones and the wooden men-o'-war that met in death grapple on the high seas reads the story of Captain John Fred Charlton. Here it is as he told it for the first time since his return home:

SIGHTING OF THE SUBMARINE

"The affair happened on the afternoon of May 30. Following a period of five days of dirty weather, in which I was on duty almost the entire time and in which I contracted a severe attack of rheumatism, I was resting in my cabin. As a matter of fact, I was really ill."

"Shortly before 8 o'clock a report was made to me of a strange vessel on our starboard beam, seven or eight miles distant. I was helped, almost carried, on deck by two of my men, and through the glasses determined definitely that it was a submarine."

"I kept my course, slowing down to permit the boat to approach and reveal itself. It did—without showing the flag of any nation. We showed our colors—the Stars and Stripes. And still the boat refused to hoist a flag. There was but one thing to do and we did it—we fired the first shot."

"There was a terrific high sea running. So I threw my boat across seas to prevent the undersea terror torpedoing the Silver Shell, and at the same time to aid in causing the shots of my opponent to fall astern or ahead of me."

U-BOAT DISAPPEARS FOREVER

"In all, the German fired thirty-nine explosive shells, six-pounders. Of these seven were shrapnel, designed to kill my crew. One of these exploded seventy-five feet over the bridge, and the shrapnel scattered all about. It was about 7:30 o'clock when the Silver Shell crew fired its twenty-fourth shot, striking the water directly in front of the undersea boat. The gun was elevated a trifle and the twenty-fifth shot was a clean one, striking directly in front of the conning tower, and immediately following there was a terrific explosion. The submarine disappeared—at within ten seconds after the firing of that shot—disappeared forever. And that's just how it all happened."

Captain Charlton was asked if he cared to express an opinion as to the possible duration of the war. He hesitated, because, as he said, "There are some things we are not expected to talk about. But with a keen look and a firm intonation of voice, he said:

"Please publish this. We are in the war to win. We will win—there is no doubt about it. But to win we must do everything in our power to help the Government. And we must do everything in our power to punish to the greatest extent of all our laws all propagandists who do anything against the best interests of our Government."

Captain Charlton, whose boat docked at an American port last Saturday morning, returned to Jenkintown late last night. Then he spent several hours as the guest of Louis R. Dutton, chairman of the committee planning tonight's celebration. It was midnight when he consented to be interviewed, and it was long after midnight when the talk ended. Then Captain Charlton retired to "sleep a couple of hours."

HERO'S DAUGHTER RECOVERING

Throughout his narrative the "hero of Jenkintown" mentioned the name of his little daughter, Katharyn, who was seriously ill at the time the Silver Shell docked at the American port where the vessel now lies.

"It was the only unpleasant thing that has developed, and I'm hoping she'll soon be well," he said. Dr. E. T. Quinn, who is attending the little girl, said she is past the danger point and will recover perhaps almost entirely before her father sails again, in several weeks.

Captain Charlton is about thirty-three years of age and weighs 175 pounds. He has the deep blue eyes so common among the Northerners—his birthplace was Sweden. He has a sharp-cut chin and a quiet voice of persuasive power, slow of enunciation. He was married seven years ago to Miss Katharyn Diehl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey Diehl, who for many years lived near Fourth and Diamond streets, but who later lived in Wyncoffe, finally opening a business place in Jenkintown. They have two children—a boy and a girl. The little girl is named for the mother, the son for the father, John, Jr. and seems happiest when he is wearing a sailor's cap, with its gilt letters, "Silver Shell."

TONIGHT'S BIG CELEBRATION

The big celebration in Jenkintown will begin at 7:30 o'clock tonight. There will be a parade, consisting of officials of the borough in motor, with Captain Charlton riding with Samuel C. Schively in the latter's car; civic organizations; Home Defense organizations from Oak Lane, Ashbourne, Jenkintown and Abington, details of Boy Scouts and citizens of the suburb. Every householder has been asked to decorate his home and to burn red fire as the parade passes.

At the ball park, Walnut street between West and Greenwood avenues, the public meeting will be held. The grand stand is reserved for women and standing room to hear the speakers will be available for thousands of suburbanites. Louis R. Dutton, chairman of the committee in charge, will preside. The four speakers will be Representative Henry Winfield Watson, Judge John Faber Miller, of the Montgomery County Courts; State Representative Fletcher B. Stites, of Narberth, and Samuel H. High, of Jenkintown and Norristown.

Citizens of the borough have subscribed liberally to a fund, and a costly wrist watch as a testimonial will be presented to Captain Charlton.

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LANE TO BOOST WAR LOAN HERE

Secretary of Interior Chief Speaker at Liberty Bond Banquet

COLLEGES ARE ACTIVE

Secretary Franklin K. Lane, of the Department of the Interior, will be the principal speaker at the Liberty Loan luncheon to be given by the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce at the Bellevue-Stratford. President Ernest T. Trigg, of the Chamber of Commerce, who will preside, will introduce Secretary Lane, who will make a special appeal to commercial and industrial Philadelphia to subscribe to the second Liberty Loan.

In addition to the members of the Chamber of Commerce, invitations have been sent to many leading bankers, and to all members of the industrial and commercial sections and to all members of the sales committee of the Liberty Loan committee. It is expected that the luncheon will be the largest one given since the opening of the second Liberty Loan campaign.

Secretary Lane will arrive in Philadelphia on Thursday night, and will depart immediately after the luncheon. His time is fully engaged in Liberty Loan campaign work, which he is doing in addition to his official duties.

HIBBEN'S STATEMENT

William A. Hibben, Jr., will make an appeal for subscriptions to the Liberty Loan to members of the Rotary Club at their dinner tonight at Kugler's.

John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton University, sent the following statement on the Liberty Loan to the Philadelphia Liberty Loan committee:

"If you purchase a Liberty Bond you help to support one or more soldiers who represent you and are fighting for you at the front. In a critical emergency you help your own Government without any sacrifice on your part, and you do not yet lose anything by the giving. It is your country that the soldier fights for, as well as his own. It is your home for which he is ready to die. It is your wife and children whose lives and honor his own life defends. The chosen guard of your country are willing to go through hell itself for you and all you hold dear. Will you not resolve that the very best possible equipment shall be theirs, the wisest provision for their health and security, and the most skillful guidance into the storm of battle and the victory beyond?"

The success of this Liberty Loan campaign will be to the whole world a demonstration and a proof that America is in earnest and is grimly determined to put an end as soon as possible, and once for all, to the hideous warfare which Germany has waged to defeat, degrade and dominate the free peoples of the world.

Miss Helen Taft, daughter of former President Taft and dean of Bryn Mawr College, will direct a Liberty Loan rally tonight at Bryn Mawr and will urge every student and member of the faculty to join the army of Uncle Sam's shareholders.

Miss Taft will be assisted by Professor Marian Curria Smith, who will be captain of the Bryn Mawr Liberty Loan committee, and others.

Active campaigns have already been started by the University of Pennsylvania, Temple University, Swarthmore College, the School of Industrial Art, Pierce School and other institutions. There is every indication that the enthusiasm of the students and their general aggressiveness will be a big factor in enabling Philadelphia to uphold its reputation for financial patriotism.

SUFFRAGISTS ACTIVE

Right in line with the spirit of the colleges is that of the Philadelphia Women Suffrage party. Mrs. George H. Dunning, president of the organization, announced today that she would give the forces of the entire organization for work in the Liberty Loan campaign.

Mrs. James Winsor, of the Pennsylvania Society of the Colonial Dames of America, has taken similar action. Under the auspices of the City Club, Liberty Loan committees have been organized in the Twenty-seventh Ward and the Fourteenth Ward.

Franklin D'Olier, a director of the First National Bank of this city, and now a major in the United States army, today cabled from France his subscription through the above bank of \$50,000 to the second issue of Liberty Loan, asking that the American expeditionary force receive credit for this subscription.

Martin Madison, a native of Denmark, displayed \$4000 in Liberty Loan bonds today when he enlisted in the famous Black Watch (Fifty-second) Regiment of Canadian Highlanders.

"I figure that these Liberty Bonds are the safest kind of an investment that any one could possibly find," he said, instructing the officers of the British and Canadian recruiting mission to put his allowance for food and expenses into the "smoke" fund for the "boys." Madison, who is a resident of Norwood, was sent to the recruit depot at Toronto.

Sales reported by the Allied Lumber Trades today amount to \$215,000. Included in these are the following: George W. Smith & Sons, \$50,000; Joseph W. Pearson's Sons, \$20,000; Smedley Brothers, \$10,000; Charles Felin & Co., \$10,000.

The women's booth outside of the Union League this afternoon announced that it had received contributions during the day amounting to \$16,200 for the second Liberty Loan.

From the vicinity of Scranton subscriptions amounting to \$3,590,750 have been made.

The Industrial Commercial Committee reports subscriptions for yesterday alone totaling \$247,000, making a grand total for this committee of more than \$400,000.

Nine million more dollars for Liberty was subscribed by Philadelphia yesterday in the big drive for the second American war loan of 1917. Part of the day's success was due to individuals and to the regular organization that has been campaigning for the Liberty Bonds; but the major part of it was due to the 800 women of the Philadelphia district, who worked like Trojans to advance the sales.

The booth, built like a treasury, in front of the Union League, "manned" by women, sold \$118,000 worth of bonds in ninety minutes. Every department of the Women's Loan Organization of Philadelphia is striving to do its full share toward raising one-third of the district's quota of \$118,000. In booths at strategic points and in every big hotel and railway station the women are selling bonds.

The work in the nation is under direction of Mrs. William G. McAfee, wife of the Secretary of the Treasury, and Mrs. Barclay H. Warburton is chairman of the work for the Philadelphia district.

Chandler & Co. bought \$1,600,000 worth of bonds; John and Rodman Wanamaker, \$1,250,000 worth each; the German-American Trust Company, \$100,000 worth. The total subscriptions of Montour and Columbia Counties were \$747,900.

The Hardwick-Magee Company has taken \$50,000 worth of bonds, and the Home Life Insurance Company has subscribed for \$25,000 worth.

"If the American people could only visualize the desecration and insults heaped upon mothers, wives and daughters, there would be no Liberty Loan; it would be a Liberty gift, to wipe German militarism from among the peoples of the earth!"

This statement was made by William A. Garrett, member of President Wilson's commission to investigate the condition of railways, at a meeting of the four-minute speakers in the Union League Club under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Committee of Public Safety for the Third Federal District. The meeting was presided over by ex-Governor Edwin S. Stuart. Five-minute speeches were made by Colonel John Gribble, George Wharton Pepper and E. F. Stotesbury urging that women be given the right to vote.

Mr. Garrett then addressed the meeting on his visit to the battle line, from Ostend to Verdun, and observation of the railway system by which the Allies are supplied. The trip gave him opportunity to observe at first hand the ravages of the Hun and the seriousness of the struggle to which America is not yet awake.

NEGROES PATRIOTIC "Churches for negroes in Philadelphia are organizing actively for the support of the Liberty Loan, according to the report of the

MR. AND MRS. BARKER MARRIED FIFTY YEARS

Financial and Publicist Was Populist Candidate for President in 1900

Mr. and Mrs. Wharton Barker are today celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary and also the sixty-ninth birthday anniversary of Mrs. Barker.

Mr. Barker is a well-known financier. Probably no one in Philadelphia is better versed than he in the history of the city's financial and business establishments.

When the Populist party sprang into prominence some years ago Mr. Barker gained considerable political distinction by becoming its candidate for the presidency in 1900.

Although he has passed the thirtieth and ten mark, Mr. Barker is vigorous and active for a man of his years. He is an open-air advocate, and frequently takes long hikes which men of much younger years hesitate to attempt.

Mr. Barker has three sons, Samuel H. Barker, financial editor of a morning newspaper; Rodman Barker, who is connected with a department store, and Polger Barker, who is engaged in the real estate business.

Girls Arrested as Apartment Thieves NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Three girls, said to have confessed to being implicated in ten apartment burglaries, were arrested by the police today. Helen Doulin, 29, jumped from a second-story window to the street, and was arrested by police.

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"SAVE FOOD," IS PLEA OF VERDUN SAMMEE

Ambulance Driver Tells Emergency Food Garden Commission of Need of Conservation

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—"In the name of Liberty, save food," is the message given to the people of this country through the National Emergency Food Garden Commission today by Raymond James Whitney, an ambulance driver from the Verdun front who went to an Atlantic port to sail for France today.

Whitney, whose home is in Bedford, Ind., has just completed a flying visit home and he stopped in Washington long enough to call upon the National Emergency Food Garden Commission to ask that the people be again urged to conserve every ounce of food. Whitney is in the American Field Service and is taking back twenty pounds of sugar to Mrs. Vanderbilt, so scarce is the ration article over there. He won the War Cross for work at the front.

"The declaration of war by President Wilson," said Whitney, "saved the world from the Kaiser. In my opinion, for from my observation of a year and a half in the war's fiercest fighting there was nothing that could possibly have put the 'pen' into the battle front as that did. Men and women killed us Americans and wept whenever they met us."

"Food is the thing, and the conservation department of the American Forestry Association is doing a great work in its campaign for war gardens. Keep it up, for you will need it next year, too. The Forest Regiment will do a great work over there, for the cleaning up that has to be done in that wrecked country will be a big job."

"At a restaurant today I saw a waiter dump a half pitcher of cream and part of a square of butter in a cup half full of coffee. In Europe he would be shot for that."

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"I, your Government, ask for a loan, not a gift. Do not hesitate. Every man must recognize the immediate need for money. My interest rate of 4% is liberal. Nothing should deter you. The security is the best in the world. Do you not realize that my entire resources are behind these Liberty Bonds—every forest, every mine, every crop, every herd of cattle, every industry, every store, every bank, every home—stead, is their security? And do not forget this! We fight a despoiler. Men and money, together, will beat him. If there is a lack of either, we shall lose. If we lose, every penny you earn will be shared by the War Lord's tax collectors, and Hun bayonets will still your protests! "Would you rather lend to me, or give to Germany?"

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